



TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 19, 1909.

THE execution of Prof. Ferrer in Barcelona has imparted an impetus to democracy in Europe which is alarming every crowned head and cabinet. Ferrer is regarded as a martyr to a cause which has for its object the abolition of all regal governments and the substitution of republican institutions. The number of those who hold such principles was already large, but since the execution of one of the most fearless exponents of democratic ideas, there has been a sudden influx into their ranks which has caused no little alarm in every capital. An ominous feature of the disorders which have broken out in certain European cities is the attacks on churches and the menaces of mobs which have at times gathered around episcopal residences. There is a conviction among those who are bent upon bringing about new departures or precipitating revolutions that churches are naturally allied with the powers that be, and that ecclesiastical and kings must fall simultaneously. The feeling against representatives of the church has become so bitter that in some cities prelates take their lives in their hands when they leave their episcopal residences. In some cities soldiers are now guarding the homes of church dignitaries. The thoughtless may suppose that such hospitality is only directed against certain branches of the Christian religion. Such may be the case now, but outlaws have no more respect for one denomination than for another, and wild iconoclasts are as liable to wreck one edifice as another. Unfortunately red republican recognizes no deity in its creed, and this principle was one of the most prominent of the lawless hordes which shed rivers of blood in Paris during a reign of terror unparalleled in the history of civilization. The Christian religion is now the main check wheel to trembling millions who would not hesitate to commit many overt acts were its influence removed from the world, and men made to believe they will not be held responsible for their deeds.

IN THE laudable effort to reduce the enormous expenditures of government the administration at Washington will make large reductions of the number of employees. This economic process, it is stated, will be rigidly applied to all the departments. There is no question that the same business methods that are pursued by private employers would enable the government to dispense with a multitude of officeholders. During the seven years or more of Mr. Roosevelt's administration the number of officeholders was swollen beyond all possible needs of good government. This one of the Roosevelt "policies." His successor, says the Philadelphia Record, proposes to whittle by sweeping away the "fife barrels of the circumlocution office." Another and greater economy can be accomplished at the same time by stopping the enormous appropriations for dreadnaught ships of war to repel imaginary invaders and by ending the wasteful military occupation of the Philippine islands which, as stated yesterday cost this government last year nearly ten million dollars.

DEATH'S invasions of the ranks of war veterans caused 48,312 names to be dropped from the pension rolls of the United States last year. Of this number, 32,831 were survivors of the civil war. The total loss to the pension roll from all causes was 51,581. In striking contrast to these figures, comprised in the annual report of the commissioner of pensions, is the statement that the government paid out in pensions in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, \$161,978,708, which the commissioner declares is the largest amount ever disbursed for pensions in one year. The fewer the pensioners the larger the pensions seems to be the demand of the G. A. R., and it is interesting to contemplate what will be the pension of the last survivor.

THE Baltimore republican papers which are howling against the adoption of the disfranchisement amendment to the Maryland constitution, are making much about "democrats who want fair play." The republicans are much alarmed about this amendment, for they know full well that if it is adopted the republican party of Maryland will at once become a thing of the past.

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, on Sunday, Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, who spoke to the boys of his Sunday school class, told them to save their money and not to spend it on unnecessary things. This was most excellent advice but he did not tell them how to make money before they could spend it.

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, who was in Kansas City, today, says the people are tired of Cannon. "Emma Goldman never made so many anarchists as Cannon." There has for some time been a recession in Cannonism, and Mr.

White voices the sentiments of many people throughout the country.

THE packers in convention at Chicago yesterday stated that there was no hope of cheaper meat, giving as their reason the high price of cattle. There is but one thing for the people to do and that is, eat less meat.

IT IS now stated that it cost \$533,322 more to keep the army of Cuban pacification in the island than it would have cost had the men been in the United States. Why this additional cost?

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Oct. 19.

Wilbur Wright made two flights this morning at the military aviation training station at College Park. Lieut. Lahm, of the Signal Corps, was his passenger and pupil. Part of the time that they were in the air Lahm was allowed to do the steering. On the second flight, after circling the 180 acre field twice and half way around on the third course, something went wrong with the machine, the propellers stopped and the machine came to ground. It landed lightly and without mishap. It was returned to its shed and, after tinkering with it awhile without discovering the cause of the trouble, Wright went to breakfast, confident, however, that he would have the airplane working all right so as to make his afternoon flights. Later it was ascertained that Wright had failed to fill his petrol tank. When Wilbur Wright's attention was called to the peculiar flight made by Count de Lambert, one of his pupils in one of the Wright biplanes, over Paris and around the Eiffel tower, he shook his head, deprecatingly. "It was a very successful flight," he said, "and I am naturally gratified that it was done in one of my machines. But there is too much of an element of danger in that kind of performance, not only to the aviator himself but to others. Suppose something had gone wrong with his motor. He would have had to descend, perhaps in a crowded street."

It looks as if Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor Ormsby McHarg, who has been doing his best to get his resignation accepted, in order that he may turn his efforts into a more lucrative field, will have to keep his position here for nearly a month more. McHarg sent in his resignation early in September, expecting to join a law firm in New York on October first. He hasn't been able to get away yet, and today, when Secretary Nagel left the city, the chances are that he will have to stay until November. Secretary Nagel left Washington today for St. Louis, where, on the 25th, he will meet President Taft and join the executive party for the trip down the Mississippi to New Orleans. Nagel is scheduled for a talk at Joplin, Mo., Wednesday night. He will leave the president's party in New Orleans on the 31st, and visit several Texas cities, notably Galveston and Columbus. His old home is located near the latter place. From his present plans the secretary will not return to Washington until November 8. Meanwhile Assistant Secretary McHarg will have to remain here.

On motion of Solicitor General Bowers the U. S. Supreme Court today granted leave for filing of a writ of prohibition to prevent the Federal Circuit Court at Chicago distributing certain funds belonging to former Capt. Oberlin M. Carter, late of the army, and recently released from Fort Leavenworth prison after serving a five year sentence for shortage in his accounts. Carter had property at Chicago, and the government sued to recover the amount of his shortage. The Circuit Court decided against the army officer but granted certain counsel fees. Both the government and Carter appealed from this judgment to the Supreme Court of the United States. Meanwhile the lower court indicated that it would authorize the distribution of a part of Carter's funds tomorrow. The government is petitioning today for the writ of prohibition to prevent the Circuit Court from distributing the funds without jurisdiction to authorize this in view of the allowance of appeals to the highest court. Under today's action, distribution of the property is suspended until November 1, when the Supreme Court will pass on the merits of the case.

Pellagra, or the sleeping sickness, and its spread in the southern states, is to be the subject of a national conference which is to be held at Columbia, S. C., on November 3 and 4. The Public Health and Marine Hospital service will be represented there by Assistant Surgeon General J. W. Kerr and Passed Assistant Surgeon C. H. Lavender. The conference is called by the state board of health of South Carolina and it is expected that representatives of other state boards will be present to take part.

Half a hundred delegates, representing the various branches of the United Textile Workers of America, began their annual convention at Tyngsboro, Mass., this morning. President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, addresses the delegates, and praised them for the good work accomplished during the past year. It is expected that the convention will last until Saturday.

To ascertain the extent of the revolutionary movement in Nicaragua, the State Department today cabled to all American consuls in that country for information. The aim is to determine how far the provincial government of Juan Estrada, the leader of the uprising, has replaced that of the regular government headed by President Zelaya. Reports from Nicaragua have been to a certain extent, conflicting, and the State Department wants accurate information before taking any action toward the recognition of the provisional government.

Fire broke out in the Elberton House on Columbia road this morning and several hysterical women were taken from their rooms by means of ladders.

Accuses False Friend.

Framingham, Mass., Oct. 19.—Accusations that a false friend, for whose sake he once illegally uttered a \$200 note, had held his act as a club over his head and thus blackmailed him for ten years, are said to have been made by John B. Lombard, treasurer of this town, after his arrest in connection with the forging of about \$100,000 of this town's notes. Lombard, at the point of mental and physical collapse, will be taken to Boston today and arraigned in the Suffolk county court.

News of the Day.

President Taft is resting at his brother's ranch at Gregory, Texas.

Andrew L. Vilmer, of Washington, D. C., surrendered to the New York police today, saying that he was wanted in Washington for passing worthless checks.

Count de Lambert, using a Wright aeroplane, yesterday flew from Juvisy to Paris, circled above the Eiffel Tower at a height of 1,300 feet and returned to his starting point.

James D. Farmer, convicted with his wife, Mary D. Farmer, of the murder of Mrs. Sarah Brennan near Brownsville, was today given a new trial by the New York Court of appeals.

Greeted down the bay when she arrived on the steamer Celtic yesterday by a tug-boat bearing a committee of leading advocates of equal suffrage, Lady Cook, formerly Tennessee Oskan, one of England's leading suffragettes, was given an enthusiastic reception and escorted to her hotel in New York in triumph.

Simultaneously with the disappearance of Mark L. Hagie, treasurer of Oxford, Mich., and part owner of three banks, comes the announcement that he is \$25,000 short in his accounts with two of the banks and with the village. It is alleged that Hagie forged notes for \$2,000 in an effort to cover up his defaultations.

Seven employees were killed and three other persons were severely injured when a boiler at the plant of the Griffin Saw-mill Company, near El Dorado, Ark., exploded late yesterday. The steam register, it is declared, failed to indicate the overpressure, and the explosion which could be heard for several miles wrecked a large section of the plant.

Newton Phillips, negro night watchman and six foreigners were arrested today in connection with the death of Calvin House, proprietor of the House hotel at Riches Landing, Pa. Phillips reported today that he had found House unconscious beside the railroad station. House's skull had been crushed. He was known to have considerable cash on his person.

With a wide-brimmed slouch hat pulled down over his eyes, his hands shoved deep into the side pockets of a long black overcoat, a tall man, whose identity is a mystery, at 6:15 o'clock last night walked to the edge of the wharf at the foot of Twelfth and O streets, southeast, Washington, and jumped into the Eastern Branch. He disappeared from view and did not again come to the surface.

Flora Steimesser, 17 years old, of New York, is in Bellevue Hospital, temporarily blinded and disfigured for life by carbolic acid, which the police think was thrown by a jealous suitor. The girl was sitting on a bench in Stuyvesant Park Sunday night with George Albert, who is said to be her fiance. The assailant sneaked up behind them and threw the acid in Miss Steimesser's face and then made his escape.

All speed records for balloon flights have been broken by A. B. Lambert and S. L. Von Paul, in the balloon St. Louis III., who reached Richmond early yesterday morning after a flight from St. Louis to Charleston, S. C. The journey occupied a little more than 15 hours and covered about 800 miles. The average speed a mile, therefore, is close to 45 miles. The previous record was made by A. Holland Forbes, who landed in Richmond last week. He traveled 38 miles an hour.

Mr. Henry A. Wroth, secretary of the Baltimore chamber of commerce, and one of the leading bank statisticians of the country, while lying in bed at his home, near Vanbibber, Harford county, Md., yesterday morning, shot himself just below the heart and died last night as a result of the wound. Mr. Wroth is known to have been involved in considerable personal financial trouble, incident to which his beautiful country home at Vanbibber was recently advertised for sale under a mortgage.

Charged with the larceny of \$50,000 by means of alleged forged notes of the town of Framingham, Mass., Charles S. Cummings, treasurer of the American Banking Company, of Boston, and Edward A. Mead, an agent of the same concern, were locked up last night. The warrants on which the two men were brought to police headquarters in Boston from East Cambridge and charged to jail in default of bail, demanded them jointly with the larceny of \$25,000 from the town of Framingham and \$25,000 from the Franklin Savings Bank of Boston, on November 30, 1908.

MR ROYALL IS TURNED DOWN.

The U. S. Supreme Court yesterday denied the motion of W. L. Royall, an attorney of Richmond, for permission to file as a friend of the court a brief in the tobacco trust cases, which are to come up for argument on December 13.

The brief contains a plan for settling the trust problem to the satisfaction of every one, according to its author. He contends that the Sherman anti-trust act is void because it infringes the right guaranteed by the constitution to freedom of contract, and suggests that it be replaced by a law forbidding individuals or corporations to give away or reduce prices of their products for the purpose of injuring competitors.

This plan, he claims, would dispose of the trust question and make such aggregations of capital not only innocuous, but actually beneficial.

Trial of a Murderer.

Uiles, N. Y., Oct. 19.—With a large number of special officers guarding the accused to prevent any assault upon him by the families of his alleged victims, the trial of Theodore Rizzo for the slaying of Theresa Procopio and Ferdinand Infantino on September 17 last moved rapidly today. A dozen witnesses were examined and none of them was cross-examined to any great extent.

The state will complete its case by noon tomorrow and Attorney Goldstone for Rizzo, declared today the prisoner will not take the stand and that the defense will be very brief. It is expected the case will be in the hands of the jury not later than Thursday night.

Beaten to Death.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 19.—John La Chappelle, 80 years old, was found murdered in bed today in his farm house on the Loudonville Road. He had been beaten to death with a hammer. Fred Siliot, an Austrian, who started to work for La Chappelle a week ago and who occupied a cot in the room in which La Chappelle slept, is missing. Robbery is supposed to be the motive.

Virginia News.

Mr. J. B. Gaudreau, a prominent resident of King George county, died Saturday at his home after a long illness. He was 67 years old and is survived by his widow and seven children.

Representative Carter Glass, of Lynchburg, democrat, and Capt. John S. Wise of New York, once a Virginia republican, spoke at Lynchburg yesterday, the latter declining a challenge for a joint debate.

The marriage of Miss Florence Lyon Smith, daughter of Mr. Charles G. Smith, to Dr. William Richard Blair will take place Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Hohenheim, near Bluemont, Loudoun county.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Alice Marshall, daughter of Mrs. Fielding Lewis Marshall, of Orange Courthouse, to Mr. Robinson Nelson. The wedding will take place October 27 in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church at Orange.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Orrison, of Ashburn, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Agnes Elizabeth, to Dr. Sanford William French, of New York. The wedding will take place October 27 at the Presbyterian Church, Ashburn.

In attempting yesterday to alight from a train at Kernstown after it had started, Miss Georgie Metz, daughter of Daniel Metz, a wealthy Frederick county fruit grower, was thrown against a baggage truck and a deep gash cut in her head. It is thought she will recover.

The sessions of the 122nd meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Virginia, in Elkton, Va., virtually were finished yesterday with the selection of Charlottesville as the place for the next meeting. Discussion waxed warm during recent sessions of the presbytery on the question of allowing the use of the pulpit for the spread of political reform, overtone coming from the Davis Memorial Church of Elkton and asking for a decision as to whether it was proper to allow the use of the pulpit for anti-slavery speakers. The presbytery decided to leave the question to the individual churches.

A dispatch from Cape Charles says: Made insane through jealousy at the attention being paid his fiancée by another man, James Buck Turner, 25 years old, shot Miss Susie Poulson, 20 years old, at Eastville Sunday night. Turner met Miss Poulson and her escort and followed them to her home. Littering outside the building until after his rival had departed, Turner entered and making his way to the bedroom of the girl, placed a revolver through a hole in the door and shot Miss Poulson. The ball entered her body, and there are slight chances for her recovery. Turner escaped and has not been arrested.

Raymond, the 11-year-old son of D. A. Swan, a well-known miller, of Edmon, near Harrisonburg, met a horrible death last Sunday at the home of S. L. Hoover, in Harrisonburg, when he was thrown from a pony. His foot caught in the stirrup and he was dragged over a stone field for a quarter of a mile. His back was scraped, and his skull fractured and several of his teeth were kicked out by the pony. He and several other boys were attempting to make the pony jump a hurdle when young Swan was thrown. Mr. and Mrs. Swan had left their son with relatives to spend the day and knew nothing of the tragedy until they drove up to the Hoover home and there saw their boy dead.

Five aspirants are in the field for the office of the late Daniel G. Eggleston, Virginia's secretary of the commonwealth.

J. Gustavus Hankins, of Halifax county, who has been the clerk in the office for the last 15 years; Carlton McCarty, ex-mayor of Richmond; E. C. James, a member of the local bar; Raleigh T. Daniel, chief clerk in the office of the secretary of military records, and J. Taylor Stratton of the Richmond city engineer's office. It is also suggested that J. Thompson Brown, of Bedford, recent candidate for commissioner of agriculture, and Robert Atkinson, candidate for attorney general, both of whom were defeated in the primary, should be considered in this connection.

MASONIC.

Attended by three Masons of the highest standing in all America the biennial meeting of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern jurisdiction of the United States assembled in Washington yesterday. Sovereign Grand Commander J. D. Richardson, of the Southern jurisdiction, called the meeting to order there being present, among the others, Gen. Samuel Crockett, Lawrence, sovereign grand commander of the Northern jurisdiction, and Dr. John M. Gibson, sovereign grand commander of the Supreme Council of Canada. The allocation of Grand Commander Richardson contained a long and detailed review of the history of the order during the past two years.

"It is worthy of comment," said Mr. Richardson, "that there are no members of our bodies filling seats in the Senate and House of Representatives in Washington at this time than there were members of the rite in several states of our jurisdiction which I could name 25 years ago."

An increase of about 33 per cent. in the total membership of the order for the Southern jurisdiction was announced by Mr. Richardson. The number of members who have received the thirty-second degree being 35,905 compared with 27,105 two years ago. It was announced that the next international conference of the Scottish Rite would be held in Washington. While the date has not been fixed, it is likely it will be in 1912.

December 29 next being the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Albert Pike, whom Mr. Richardson succeeded, the grand commander suggested that the supreme council provide for its celebration in an appropriate manner.

Condemnation of \$2,500,000 worth of property on Pennsylvania avenue for government use has been taken to court.

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Today's Telegraphic News

To Acquire More Coal Roads. [Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]

Richmond, Oct. 19.—To compete with the N. & W. and Virginia, the C. & O. stockholders today voted to acquire 200 miles of small coal roads in West Virginia and elected Theodore P. Shonta a director.

Ex-Mayor McCarthy announced today that he submits his candidacy for secretary of the commonwealth to the state democratic committee, and will not run if the committee names some one else. Lloyd S. Byars, of the Ninth district, today announced his candidacy.

Another Murder Mystery.

Lilip, L. I., Oct. 19.—Coroner Savage today began an inquiry to establish the identity of the young woman whose skeleton, partly charred by fire, was found in the underbrush off the road between Brentwood and Lilip yesterday. The body had been there about a year, it is believed, and although there is no way of determining exactly the cause of death Coroner Savage declared today he is satisfied that murder was committed.

In life the woman had been of slender build and the clothing found with the skeleton was of excellent quality and well made. An automobile trail found a few yards from the body bore the name "Schwarz" as did a muffler which was found with it.

Relatives of May Smith, a nurse in the Manhattan State Hospital, which is near here, who disappeared mysteriously last spring, have been asked to inspect the clothing to determine if it is that of the girl. A singular circumstance in this connection is that the Smith girl was supposed to be the fiancée of Gustave Schwarz, who is being held in the local jail indicted for murder in the first degree in connection with the killing of Irving J. Nelson, the democratic politician, who was shot in the back while returning from taking a Manhattan Hospital nurse to a dance.

After the disappearance of Miss Smith no special search was made for her, as it was rumored that she had gone away to be married. Schwarz was asked by her friends where she had gone, but insisted he did not know.

A gold bracelet still clung to the wrist of the skeleton and a necklace with a heart-shaped locket of gold, pearl studded, lay near it. The locket was open, as though pictures had been hastily removed. Near the spot where the body was found the coroner picked up a bill of goods sold at a delicatessen store in Krohn, Rensselaer, a folder of the North German Lloyd Line, a pair of folding scissors and a bill of goods written in German, only one word being legible because of its age, that word being "Koches." The teeth are a promising clue, as there was considerable dentistry work in the mouth.

Alleged Spy Killed.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—The discovery today in his apartment of the decapitated body of M. Fedoroff, a rich man of leisure, known to be high in the councils of the terrorist party, reveals the fact that Fedoroff was a government spy. The body was horribly mutilated and the scalp had been torn from the severed head. There is no doubt that he was the victim of terrorist vengeance.

Fedoroff, it developed today, although well-known to be prominent in terrorist circles, was singularly free from police surveillance and persecution which followed his revolutionary comrades. This aroused the suspicion of the terrorists, and they discovered Fedoroff was one of the government spies among the terrorists who had been denounced by the revolutionary waiter Bourisoff at the time of the Azof exposure.

The position of Fedoroff, terrorist leader and government spy, parallels that of the spy Azof, who is now a refugee, both from the terrorists and the government.

McCarren in a Critical Condition.

New York, Oct. 19.—At St. Catherine's Hospital in Brooklyn today it is stated that State Senator McCarren, operated on there last week, passed a very restless night and was much weaker today. The trouble is with his heart, and strong stimulants are necessary to prevent a collapse.

After examining Senator McCarren, Dr. Hughes issued the following:

"Senator McCarren had a very poor night. He is troubled with hiccoughs which is a very bad sign. He is very much exhausted and weak. His heart is in poor condition."

Death of Cesare Lombroso.

Turin, Oct. 19.—Cesare Lombroso, the eminent criminologist and psychiatrist, died here this morning, the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. Cesare Lombroso was probably the world's foremost alienist and criminologist. For years he had held the chair of psychiatry in Turin University. He was a prolific writer on psychiatry and kindred subjects, having published several volumes in English and about fifty in Italian. His particular study was the development of the criminal mind, and he devoted years to the study of insane criminals in institutions all over the world. He was born in Verona, Italy, in 1836.

Cook to Lead Another Expedition. Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 19.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook will again lead an expedition to recover the records he left at the summit of Mount McKinley in Alaska, the highest mountain in America.

In an interview today with the United Press the explorer declared his intention of making the ascent to clear his torso of the slur that has been cast upon it. The explorer said he would begin his preparations next week, having cancelled all future lecture dates so he may give his entire attention to the work. Probably the Alaskan journey will start in the early spring.

Anniversary of Surrender.

Yorktown, Va., Oct. 19.—Exercises in commemoration of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis 123 years ago are being held on the ancient battle ground near this place today, under the auspices of the descendants of the signers of Declaration of Independence; the Yorktown Historical Society of the United States, and the citizens of York county. Four companies of coast artillery, regular army and local patriotic and military societies participated in a street parade and an address was made by J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia.

The Market.

Georgetown, D. C., Oct. 19. Wheat 106-120

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MEETINGS IN THE COUNTRY.

The joint political and good roads meeting in Alexandria county yesterday afternoon was well attended and much interest was manifested.

The political meeting was presided over by R. C. L. Moncure.

The speakers, as stated in the Gazette of that day, were Robinson Moncure, democratic nominee for the house of delegates; Representative O. C. Carlin, and Senator Thomas S. Martin.

Senator Martin declared that there was no sentimental reason why the voters should support the republican ticket. The speaker paid a tribute to Judge Mann, declaring that he had achieved something before he entered politics, and that in the legislature, he was the author of the Mann liquor bill, and that ought to recommend him. Continuing, he said: "He stands for local option, and so do I. Mann has achieved something. What has Kent done? Kent has achieved nothing in private life and done nothing for the welfare of the people of the state." The speaker refuted Kent's assertion that Mann was nominated by the machine. The question of extravagance on the part of the party, alleged by the republicans, was picked to pieces by the Senator, who said that the party was liberal, but not extravagant.

On the question of good roads, the speaker said that the money would have to come out of the pockets of the taxpayers; and referring to the reckless expenditure of money for the maintenance of the Philippines, he said the money could be better used for good roads. In conclusion, he paid a tribute to Robinson Moncure, the democratic nominee for the house of delegates.

The invitation of President Taft to all young men of Virginia to shake off tradition and become allied with the G. O. P. was not treated in any cordial fashion by Senator Martin and Representative Carlin was likewise vigorous in his denunciation of the efforts to break up his party. Some sharp things were said about President Taft. There were references to the unhappy reconstruction period, and the race problem was discussed in emphatic terms.

Representative Carlin said the republicans have no chance of success in the coming election than Peary has to prove that Cook did not reach the north pole. The speaker ridiculed the statement that the democratic party is an office-holding trust, and said that all on the republican ticket held federal offices or expect to secure them. President Taft, he said, was bunked by his own party. He upbraided the tariff schedule and asserted the republicans' platform is one of broken promises. In speaking of good roads, he said they are a great benefit, but he was not advocating a bond issue, the question being one for the people of the county to settle. The democratic party, he said, had done much for good roads, last year having spent \$339,000.

Mr. Carlin criticized President Taft severely for taking a hand in the Maryland fight on the proposed disfranchisement of the negro, and also paid him caustic compliments for having invited the young men of Virginia to join the party that, as Garfield said, "gave the negro the right to vote in order to punish the southern states."

Mr. Moncure said he favored public roads, but that the taxpayers ought to have their say. He said the public school books should be uniform and not subject to quick and radical changes. The speaker also favored equalization in taxation. He promised if elected to work for the best interests of his constituents while in the state legislature.

The good roads meeting was presided over by A. D. Torreyson.

State Senator Lassiter was the first speaker. He said the first thing needed was money, and that there must be an organized movement behind the plans. The prime object of the state association, he said, was to co-operate.

St. Julian Wilson, state highway commissioner, explained in detail the laws regulating bond issues for the improvement of roads. He also outlined the state aid law on the subject. He was of the opinion that the history of

state aid was settled beyond a reasonable doubt, and believed that it will be continued indefinitely. State aid, he said, was started in 1892 by the state of New Jersey, and now twenty-six states have adopted the plan, and none has yet taken a backward step.

At the conclusion of the meeting a permanent organization was effected with the election of the following officers: A. D. Torreyson, president; C. H. Greathouse, secretary; George H. Rucker, treasurer; Dr. Taber Johnson, vice-president, Washington district; W. O. Wilbitt, vice-president, Arlington district; Dr. D. N. Rust, vice-president, Jefferson district.

About twenty of those present joined the state highway association in the interest of good roads, after which the meeting adjourned, subject to a call of the chairman. The consensus of opinion is that the organization will at an early date make a move having for its object the submission to the voters of the question of a bond issue for the improvement of about fifty miles of roads in the county. The assessable value of property in the county is \$5,000,000, and it is stated that they could, if they desired, bond the county in the sum of \$500,000 for good roads, provided the majority of the property owners voted for it.

Conditions in Spain.

Madrid, via Hendaia, Oct. 19.—Premier Mañá today announces that he will not resign, but it is believed that King Alfonso, recognizing that Spain's national life is at stake, will force